

RE: Ottawa situation

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Hello Marco – really appreciate your response and also your answers during QP.
Have more to say tomorrow morning when we chat.

Best,
Julie



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Subject: Re: Ottawa situation

Good morning Julie

Thanks for writing. It's been an eventful start to Parliament. I haven't seen you in person yet, but if you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out.

Regarding the convoy in Ottawa, movements in and out of the Hill have been tightly controlled. PPS, the Sargeant at Arms and RCMP have been very visible and responsive to the needs of MPs and staff. Additional protection has been offered and received. Thus far, people have been able to come to work safely and that is the most important thing.

Off the Hill, demonstrators continue to disrupt and obstruct daily life. Residents are justifiably frustrated and concerned. As you know, Ottawa Police have the jurisdiction and are responsible for providing community safety on Wellington and beyond the parliamentary precinct.

RCMP have extended personnel and logistical support. And the Commissioner and Chief Sloly are in touch frequently during the day. The lines of communication remain open, and there is good coordination. If Ottawa Police need more support, the RCMP will be there to evaluate and consider it. Chief Sloly was right to say yesterday that the Mounties have been generous in putting additional boots on the ground as needed. I'm sure that cooperation will continue. I would just add that these are operational decisions that are exercised by the police, independent of the elected government.

As for the gofundme contributions, I saw the comments made by Chief Sloly. They're concerning. My understanding is that gofundme has suspended the distribution of funds to convoy organizers pending further inquiries into the sources of those contributions. From the presser yesterday, it seems clear police are seized with the issue.

But I think we all share the general concern about where those funds came from and what they will be used for. We are watching closely.

I know it's a very tumultuous time, but I assure you Public Safety partners are actively engaged and are supporting the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Police within our authorities to see the peaceful resolution of the convoy.

Happy to chat further.

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Hi Bill and Marco! I suspect both of you are working hard ... so, thank you!

I am sure this is already underway... but just in case I wanted to say that I hope we are assembling all our very best minds and resources on how to defuse and disperse the current occupation in Ottawa. the RCMP, our top security forces, the local police, and all special Canadian army units we might have ... to come together to determine how it is that we are going to ... as peacefully as possible return Ottawa back to normal.

I also hoping that someone is looking into the money to see if there's anything we can do to shut down their funds.

I believe we are in a national security situation. I think our parliament is being threatened. I think our Prime Minister is under threat.

If there's anything I can do to be helpful, please let me know.

Thank you for your leadership and hard work during these very troubling and unprecedented times.

With gratitude-

Julie

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